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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. WY 100-168469 New York, New York January 26, 1970

THE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

The January 20, 1970 issue of the "Daily World", contained in article entitled "Ready To Assist POW's Families".

The article dated January 19, 1970 is set forth as follows:

"The Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam opened its doors at 365 West 42nd Street, in New York City today.

"The committee, at the request of the North Vietnamese, will facilitate communication between families in the United States and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. It will receive letters from servicemen and forward them to the families at the rate of one a month. It will also forward letters and packages to North Vietnam at the request of relatives.

"According to Steve Halliwell, a spokesman, the committee will function entirely apart from the United States government. 'The families of the prisoners!, he said, 'are in the middle of a propaganda ploy by the government that can only be intended to prolong the war by increasing hatred for the Vietnamese'.

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THE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN

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"The group has made clear its belief that 'the safe return of these men (POW's) and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels - who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience - can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam'.

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"Mrs. Cora Weiss, co-chairman of the Committee of Lisison, who visited North Vietnam last December and brought back the names of 132 prisoners, said that though papers in places as far away as Mexico City and Jerusalem were carrying these stories, the New York Times and the Washington Post had blacked them out.

"Mrs. Weiss charged that the story of the massacre by United States troops at Batnagan, in which 1,200 Vietnamese civilians had been taken out in ships and drowned had been completely ignored in this country. Mrs. Weiss said that during her visit to North Vietnam, a 21 year old Vietnamese woman, a survivor of the massacre, described how the victims were put in plastic bags, tied up with electric cord and dropped into the sea. Mrs. Weiss said she would present the details at a press conference in Washington, later this month."

The "Daily World" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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On 3/12/70, Mr.

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made available the rollowing information concerning the subscribers of telephone numbers 765-1490 and 427-7776:

765-1490 - Liaison Committee, 365 W. 42nd St., New York City.

427-7776 New York City. Mark

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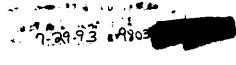
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ReNew York airtel and LNN dated 1/26/70, captioned as above.

By LHC and airtel dated 1/29/70, captioned, "WOME STRIES ROR PLACE, INFO CONCERNING - MISC.", WFO reported on Women Strike for Peace sponsored press conference held by CORA MHISS in the Cannon House Office Building, WDC, on 1/27/70.

Since captioned committee has no active branch in MDC, this matter is considered RUC.



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SUBJECT: The Committee of Liaison With Families. Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

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Reference is made to previous information furnished by your Bureau concerning the above subject.

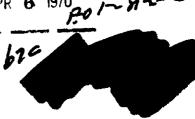
Enclosed for yourinformation are copies of the following material which were made available to this Division in connection with the above subject:

Subject letter to the wife of a U.S. prisoner in Vietnam (name blanked out);

Information Sheet dated January 1970 allegedly disseminated by subject;

- Press Release of March 25, 1970 by Congressman Wilson;
- Press Release of March 18, 1970 by Congressman Wilson.

The information contained in the above enclosures indicates that the subject committee may have incurred an obligation to register in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act since it appears that at the request of a foreign government it has engaged in political activity within the United States on behalf of such foreign government. Prior to making a final determination as to such an obligation, it is desired that additional investigation be undertaken to develop, if possible, admissible evidence to establish that the subject committee/is in fact acting



within the United States at the request of the Government of North Vietnam, and that it is engaged in political activity as defined in Section 1(o) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act or as a publicity agent as defined in Section 1(h) of the Act.

In this connection, it is desired that

be located and interviewed concerning their experiences with the subject committee and the correspondence they received from it.

It is also desired that other recipients of subject committee letters be located and interviewed, if possible, as to their experiences with the subject committee.

It is also desired that efforts be made to determine whether the mimeographed letter and the Information Sheet of January 1970 (enclosures 1 and 2 above) were in fact prepared and disseminated by the subject committee. Also whether other printed material has been prepared, distributed or disseminated by the subject committee.

It will also be helpful to know whether the subject committee is engaged in activities other than those described in the enclosures.

Enclosures

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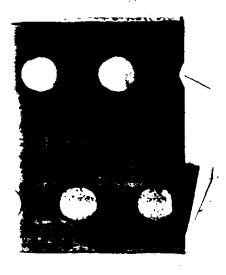
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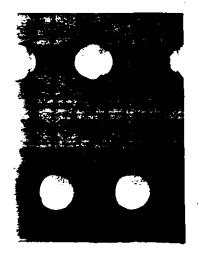
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Mr. James Weldon Chief of Registration Section United States Department of Justice Room 414, Federal Triangle Bldg. 915 9th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Weldon:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of yesterday, I am enclosing the material we discussed about the possibility that a newlyformed committee of the "peace movement" might be liable to the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

This material has been provided by Congressman Bob Wilson, of California, who received it from wives of U.S. military personnel who are prisoners in North Vietnam. The name of one recipient was withheld, as you will see from the copy. She feared retaliation against her husband. Identification and any other information required could be provided to your Department.

I am also enclosing a self-explanatory press release based upon a communication sent to your Department today by Congressman Wilson.

Please advise if I may be of service as I am continuing to pursue this issue.

Thank you for your kind attention:

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With Parilies of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam
365 West 42nd Street, New York, 8.7, 10036 (212)765-1490

Dear

This letter, along with 68 others, was recently handed to Louis Schmeider by Vietnamese suthorities in Manoi, and he mailed them to us from Hong Kongo This was in line with a gratem for handling such letters which has been opened up to our Committee by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

The Committee of Listern is composed of individuals active in the imprican peace movement and opposed to the U.S. military intervention in Vietnam. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam has decided to use our Committee as a channel for committee and the channel for chan

Please excuse the fact that this letter is ditted rather than typed on letterhead. We are a new committee and we want you to receive the enclosed without delay. Therefore we are mailing this letter immediately without waiting for printed letterhead and envelops.

We shall send you further information within the next few days regarding the lisison services our Committee is now able to perform.

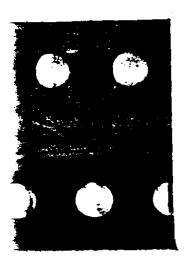
In closing we wish to empress the deep hope that the U.S. government will come to its senses, withdraw its armed forces from Vietnam, and thus make it possible for the families, both American and Vietnamese which have been separated as a result of this cruel war, to be reunited.

Sincerely yours, For the Committee of Lisison

Richard Fornancez
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Other markers of the Committee are: David Dellinger, Cora Koise, Ronnie Davis, Anno Bennett, Bon Seitsman, Maggie Goddes, Trudi Young, Stave Malliwell, Markers Webster



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365 West 62nd Street, New York JLY, 10038

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January, 1970

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Background

Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee (in formation):
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In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Victnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of SouthVietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always suressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S.

people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded—independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humans.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnemese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen-primarily pilots whose planes were shot down-which the Worth Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions—February 1968, July 1968 and July 1968—the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one eccasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three peleased MLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

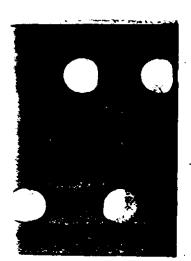


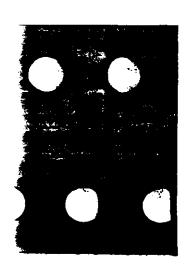
A Committee of Lisison has now been established as an extension of those past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate Communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Pamilies are of course still free to send letters and percels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing proviously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

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requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no correlaty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committe will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

Clarification .

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Viotney and will not have any information on men held in South Vietness by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

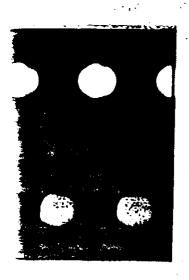
secondly, the Committee will function entirely spart from the U.S. coverment. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a <u>provegande ploy</u>. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released: apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at 'prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

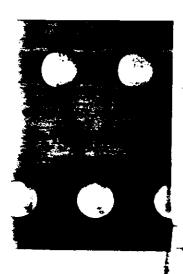
In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Victnem Weits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all ITS forces and material.

Who We Are

We firmly bolious that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Victors, Leos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels—who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sont to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience—can only come with a decidence—the part of the U.S. covernment to withdraw from Victors Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are activo in a variety of organizations committed to onding the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Momen Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Marbucks. The Committee is supported by Constions from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.





From the Office of Rep. Bob Wilson (R., Calif.) 2235 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D. C. 20515

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Wednesday, March 25, 1970

WASHINGTON — Citing evidence obtained by the wives of American prisoners of war held by North Vietnam, Rep. Bob Wilson, California Republican, today asked the Justice Department to require a committee led by David Dellinger and Mrs. Cara Weiss to register under the Fareign Agents Registration Act.

Rep. Wilson made the request in a letter to Attorney-General John N. Mitchell. He stated that the committee has now virtually admitted that it is "functioning at the request, direction, or control of the North Vietnamese Government." The Committee was charged with "cynical exploitation of the POW's."

The Congressman said that "registration would involve compliance with a disclosure statute requiring a statement of financial sources and an explanation of how trips to Hanoi by the co-chairmen, Mr. Dellinger and Mrs. Weiss, and others, were financed."

He pointed out that the Dellinger-Weiss group, calling itself the "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen. Detained in North Vietnam," has stated that "The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (Hanoi) has decided to use our Committee as a channel for communication between the captured airmen in detention comps in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States." The Committee also asserted that "safe return" of POW's "can only come with a decision on the part of the U. S. Government to withdraw from Vietnam...the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U. S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and material."

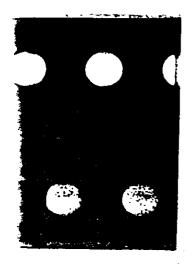
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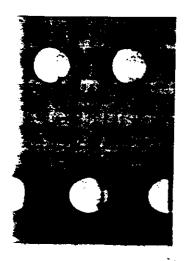
The Hon. John N. Mitchell
The Attorney-General
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchells

I believe that evidence now exists to establish that a self-appointed group of American citizens is acting as an agent of North Vietnam in the issue of American prisoners of war and should be required to register under provision of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Reference is made to the so-called "Committee of Llaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam." It functions from offices at 365 West 42nd St., New York,





N. Y., under the co-chairmanship of Dave Dellinger and Mrs. Cora Weiss with a membership including Rennie Davis and others.

The Committee has stated in letters to families of American POW's that "The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (Hanoi) has decided to use our Committee as a channel for communication between the captured airmen in detention camps in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States." This would appear to be an admission that the Committee is functioning at the request, direction, or control of the North Vietnamese Government. I see no reason why it should be exempted from the registration requirements applied to those who represent foreign governments.

Registration would involve compliance with a disclosure statute requiring a statement of financial sources and an explanation of how trips to Hanoi by the co-chairmen, Mr. Dellinger and Mrs. Weiss, and others, were financed. It would serve to identify the true character of Committee members who represent themselves to families of prisoners not as agents of Hanoi but as "individuals active in the American peace movement and apposed to the U.S. military intervention in North Vietnam."

The Dellinger-Weiss group has produced nothing of value to add to the information available to the distraught families of prisoners. Yet even such a well-known newspaper as the New York Times on March 18, 1970, has given an impression that the Dellinger-Weiss Committee has provided a real service. The newspaper failed to identify the membership of the Committee in so far as pertains to:the role of members in radical and extremist causes.

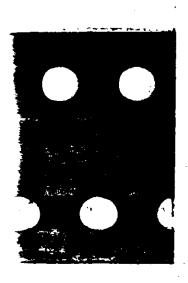
The Committee has been subjecting distraught families to inflammatory propaganda against the Government. We have witnessed a callous exploitation of the plight of these prisoners and a cruel traffic in human misery. There have been suggestions from various radical sources that mothers, wives, and children of prisoners must join the "peace movement" to free various radicals, including Black Panthers, from prison sentences if Hanoi is to release the Americans held so long under such cruel circumstances. If such a quid pro quo is a condition for the release of our men, this and other information might emerge from any hearings that could ensue in connection with the registration proposal.

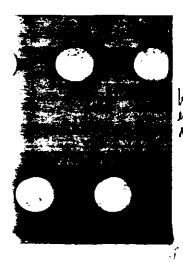
I am deeply troubled by reports that the delegation of North Vietnam in Paris has been telling wives of POW's to apply to the "Cara Weiss Peace Movement in New York" for information on whether their husbands are alive or dead. I have seen the flagrant anti-American propagands that the Committee sends to dependents desperately in quest of help. I have heard the testimony of prisoners who escaped or were released.

Major James N. Rowe disclosed how elements of the "peace movement" in the United States provided information to Communist intelligence interrogators for use in the cross-examination effort to extract military information from the major. Lt. Robert F. Frishman, U. S. Navy, said the North Vietnamese "would provide information to a Mabilization Committee in New York and this is just increasing the plight of the wives, forcing them to go to this type of a group in order to obtain information which they should receive internationally."

The Dellinger-Weiss Committee has stated in an Information Sheet dated January, 1970, that "We firmly believe that the safe return of these men...can only come with a decision on the part of the U. S. Government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the Government to withdraw."

it was openly asserted by the Committee that "the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U. S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and material."





I am enclosing the material in reference, including a letter from the Committee to the wife of a prisoner.

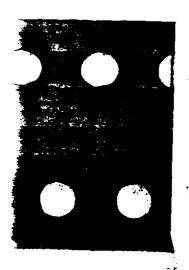
The problem of the 1,450 U. S. servicemen in Southeast Asia who are POW's or missing in action is a compelling and sacred trust to the U.S. Government. We believe that at least 372 are in captivity in North Vietnam. There may be more. But Hanoi cynically refuses to provide a complete list of living or dead Americans. I believe this refusal arises from Hanoi's determination to use these men as pawns in a propaganda play to enhance the role of the "peace movement," as bargaining material in any future negotiations, to conceal murders, and to create an impression that more POW's may be in their hands than actually might be the case.

The prisoners and their families deserve every consideration this nation can offer. The unscrupulous and cynical exploitation of the POW's by Hanoi and Hanoi's agents in this country requires the strongest possible response. Such a response would very properly include action by the Department of Justice to bring about registration under the provisions controlling foreign agents and the required disclosures.

Thank you for your kind attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely yours,

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From the Office of Rep. Bob Wilson (R., Calif.) 2235 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D. C. 20515

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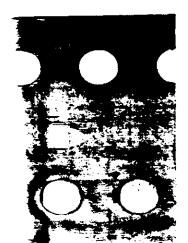
WASHINGTON -- Rep. Bob Wilson, California Republican, disclosed today that he has asked the State Department to provide all possible assistance through the U. S. Embassy in Paris to two wives of American P.O.W.'s who are threatened with errest because of their attempts to obtain information from the North Vietnamese mission.

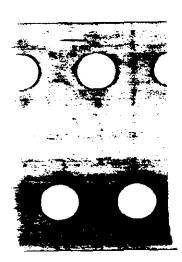
The women, Mrs. Susan Hanley, 21, of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Carolyn Dennison, 30, of Carpus Christi, Texas, were threatened with arrest while staging a sit-down strike in the offices of the North Vietnamese Mission. They demanded to know the fate of their husbands who were shot down Jan. 1, 1968. After police were summaned, the women left the mission but said they would not give up and remain in Paris.

Rejecting "a phony propaganda letter," the women demonstrated their response by tearing it to pieces on the sidewalk in front of the mission. The letter advised them to apply to the so-called "Cora Weiss Peace Movement in New York."

Rep. Wilson said "these two American wives are showing great courage in defying the agents of Hanoi. The least that our Government can do is to assure through the American Embassy in Paris that every assistance, including legal aid, is provided to protect them and afford them every facility in keeping with their right to protest and demonstrate. Their action dramatizes to all civilized people the cynical exploitation of human misery by North Vietnam and the role of an element of the peace movement as a propaganda instrument of Hanoi."

The Congressman said that "the indomitable spirit of these two young women, exercising their legitimate right of protest, is in the finest tradition of the American people. It deserves the full support of our Government. We must do more to achieve the release of the expicitude prisoners and respond to the example of these wives by new initiatives and new vigor in pressing for action."





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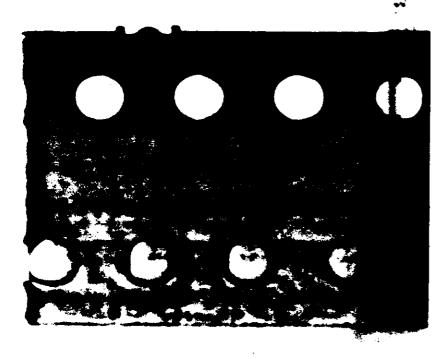
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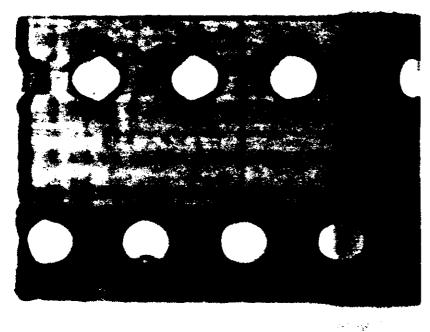
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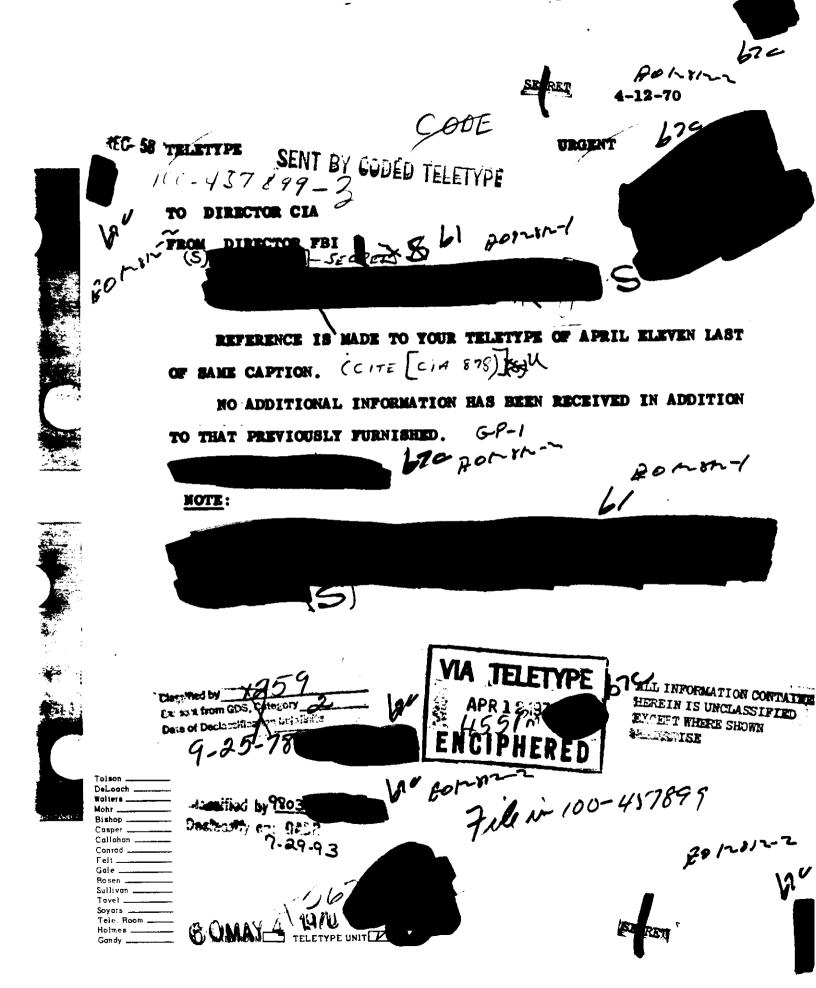
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April 24, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

On April 8, 1970, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that about 150 women got together at the William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street, Washington, D. C. (WDC), on the night of April 7, 1970, in what was billed as a "triple threat meeting" between members of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Women Strike for Peace (WSP) and Women's Liberation Movement (WLM). The meeting was held to familiarize each with the other's program, history and purposes.

Charlotte Bunch Weeks, representing WLM, was one of the speakers. After speaking about WLM, she announced that on Sunday, April 12, 1970, she, Jerry Schwinn of the Committee of Returned Volunteers (CRV), and two other unnamed persons, were departing for Hanoi, North Vietnam. She stated the four were going on behalf of captioned committee for the purpose of negotiating with the North Vietnamese concerning the latest list of American prisoners reportedly released by North Vietnam.

WILPF is an international women's pacifist organization founded by the late Jane Addams, noted social worker.

WSP is a national women's organization which has demonstrated against nuclear testing, the war in Vietnam and the draft.

WLM is a "radical" women's group which advocates complete equality for women.

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IPS was described in the April 27, 1967 issue of the "Washington, (D. C.) Examiner", a former weekly newspaper of general circulation, as the "think tank of the New Left."

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The 1969-10 Washington Area Telephone Directory lists Gerald A Schwinn as residing at 1509 Q Street, N.W., WDC.

The CRV is self-described as an independent national organization of United States citizens who have worked in Asia, Africa and Latin America, who seek fundamental changes in United States policies toward emerging communities at home and around the world.

"CRV members have participated in peace demonstrations and marches ranging from the Pentagon to the Chicago convention..."

On April 17, 1970, a representative of the Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), advised that an MPD source, described as reliable, had attended a WLM meeting held the night before at IPS. This source learned that Charlotte Bunch Weeks and Gerald Schwinn were accompanied to Manoi by Frank Joyce (phonetic) and Elizabeth Sutherland Martinez (phonetic), all believed by source to have been associated with IPS at one time or another. The group hoped to spend two weeks in North Vietnam, but expected to be there only one week.

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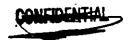
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A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Frank Joyce attended the National Convention of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), held at East Lansing, Michigan, on June 10-15, 1968, and was a member of a discussion panel on racism.

Above representative further advised that Elizabeth Sutherland Martinez referred to by MPD source is a white female who was associated with the New York City office of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), at one time and was active in Cuban action groups in that city. In November, 1968, Martinez was reported to be in New Mexico, where she was active in various Cuban action groups.

The SDS and SNCC are described in separate appendix pages.

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APPENDIX

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life--where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

The PLP is characterized separately in the Appendix.

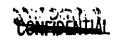
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A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing



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A source advised the Student National Coordinating Committee (SNCC), formerly known as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, is a nonmembership organization founded in 1960, during the civil rights movement in the South.

Under the leadership of Stokely Carmichael, who served as National Chairman during the period 1966-67, SNCC evolved from a civil rights oriented group into a full-blown black revolutionary organization.

A publication entitled "1967 High Tide of Black kesistance" indicates the year 1967 was considered by SNCC as a historic milestone for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. The publication declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus--the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life-sucking tentacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers, forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellions when oppression became too great."

A second source advised that H. Rap Brown succeeded Carmichael as National Chairman of SNCC in May, 1968, and served in that capacity until June, 1968, at which time SNCC reorganized, creating ten deputy chairmen in an effort to relieve pressure by law enforcement.

In April, 1969, SNCC moved its national headquarters from Atlanta, Georgia, to New York City, where it is presently located.

H. Rap Brown announced at a press conference in New York City on July 22, 1969, that he had been elected Chairman of the Student Non violent Coordinating Committee. He announced the organization was dropping the word "Nonviolent" from its title and will be known as the Student National Coordinating Committee, with a kevolutionary Political Council functioning as its governing body. Brown, at that

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The Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. Registration Act

This is in further reference to our memorandum of April 6, 1970 regarding the captioned organization.

I am enclosing copies of two news articles from the April 8, 1970 issue of the Washington Post and the April 9, 1970 issue of the Evening Star. In the last paragraph of the Post article, Mrs. Cora Weiss is represented as having referred to an agreement reached in Hanoi by her committee. We would appreciate your determining to whom the statement was made, the circumstances under which it was made, and the willingness of such person to cooperate should their testimony on this matter be required at a later date.

With respect to the Star article, the wife of the missing servicemen, Mrs. Janex Plowman, has indicated that she and other wives have been pressured by certain peace groups to join them in exchange for receiving letters from their Prisoner of War husbands. This play seems to be consistent with the activities of the captioned organization as reflected in the information furnished in our April 6, 1970 memorandum.

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POW Wives Pressed To Join 'Peaceniks'

BY DONNIE RADCLIFFE Star Staff Writer

Wives of some 1,500 American POWs and MIAs (missing in action) in North Vietnam are being pressured to join "peacenik" groups of all political stripes, one of the wives said yesterday.

Some groups promise the wives information about their husbands; others dangle such hopeful rewards as letters from the captive servicemen or even their release.

There is always a catch, according to Mrs. James Plowman, wife of a Navy officer listed as MIA since 1967.

"And frankly, some of the wives don't know what to do," she told a luncheon meeting of the Navy Civil Engineers Corps Officers Wives Club at Ft. McNair.

"We hate being crusading, marching, banner-waving women. We'd much rather stay home and wash clothes."

Latest Pressure

But the latest pressure from what she calls extreme right and left wing peace groups is mounting, so noticeably that she feels it is imperative for Congress to "do something."

"Most of the wives are trying to maintain a middle of the road policy," she said about "this totally humanitarian—not political—question of prisoners."



MRS. JAMES PLOWMAN - 14070

She confessed there are times when she, the mother of a three-year-old child "whose father does not know even exists," is so despondent that "I don't care if the devil brings it to me, I'll take a letter from my husband if there are no atrings attached."

Congress could do more, she believes, and this week she said she had been "pounding the floors" of the Capitol to talk with legislators or their aides.

Not the Answer

"It's easy for them to talk withdrawal but the families of the POWs believe that's not the answer. It won't bring their men home."

Promises by some senators to "put the pressure on" the Defense and State Departments is fine, she said.

"But who's putting the pressure on Congress?"

What she and the other wives would prefer to see, she said, is pressure exerted on the executive branch by Congress, "a vote that would eduvince the President."

"Congress got us hato a position. They sent these men into a limited war with a limited objective. As for their (the Congress') efforts, that's limited also."

Instead, she said that "Congress expects us to give them a plan."

She admits that she personally does not have the answer.
"But I know that apathy won't get us anywhere."

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The anti war Committee of Liaison said yesterday it had confirmation from Hanol of 81 more American servicemen being held as prisoners by the North Vietnamese.

Issuing the list of names in New York was Cora Weiss, committee co-chairman who said that her group now has confirmation of a total of 335 prisoners.

A Pentagon spokesman said only eight of the 81 new prisoners names were "new"—that they had been carried on unpublished Pentagon lists as "missing in action" rather than as "prisoner of war".

The Pentagon said it would continue to carry the eight as missing until letters from the men reached their families.

Mrs. Weiss said that under the agreement reached during a visit to Hanoi last December, her group would be notified in advance by the North Vietnamese that mail packets were en route from prisoners of war and the identities of letter-writers.

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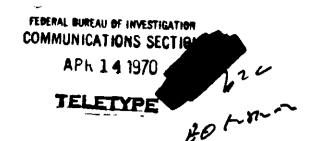
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LOGICAL AIRLINE FLIGHTS DEPARTING NEW YORK ON SUNDAY, APRIL TWELVE, LAST, WERE CONTACTED IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE TRAVEL OF JERRY SCHWINN AND CHARLOTTE BUCH-WEEKS, ALONG WITH TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE. 17 MAY 5 1970 MEGATIVE RESULTS.

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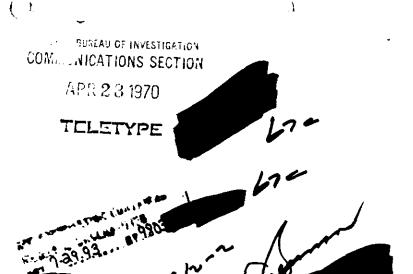
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ON INSTANT DATE, NAVAL INVESTIGATION SERVICE OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED HE UNDERSTANDS NATIONAL
BROADCATING COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES, NORFOLK, VIRGINA, INTERVIEWED WIFE OF NAVY PRISONER OF WAR LAST TUESDAY, APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, NAMED MRS. (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) WILBUR (PHONETIC),

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A PUBLIC SOURCE PROFILE OF CHARLOTTE BUNCH-WEEKS STATES
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THE MEETING WAS BILLED AS "A TRIPLE THREAT MEETING"

BETWEEN MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE

AND FREEDOM (WILPF), WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE (WSP) AND WOMEN'S

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A War Prisoner's Wife Asks Why Some Senators Don't Cry Out Against Hanoi 'As Well'

By Victor Riesel

New York: -- There come moments when neither men nor women who are making history, nor bits of history themselves, need a written prelude. So here is a letter from the wife of an American prisoner of war. Perhaps she is a widow,

This communication was sent to me by a disconsolate and discouraged young woman, seeking to strengthen support for the campaign of this column and International Longshoremen's Assn. (AFL-CIO) Executive Vice President John Bowers We are trying to convince the Soviet Union to pressure the Eanoi government into releasing five American prisoners of war each time the dockwallopers broke their own boycott and serviced a Russian freighter or liner in the harbor here.

"Thank you for your help," she writes as one of the leaders of the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia. "Our men certainly need all the help they can get and yours is very valuable indeed. There are two or three areas which you might consider writing about which I feel would be helpful. 10

"For obvious reasons, I prefer not to be referred to by name about this, but | 1/1/1/ these are some of the things that a wife of a war prisoner wonders about.

"We have repeatedly asked the most vociferous of the Vietnam war critics in the Senste to be equally vociferous about condemning Hanoi for their cruel and barbarous treatment of our men. Representatives from our group have made personal calls on Sen. Fulbright, Sen. McGovern, Sen. McCarthy, and Sen. Kennedy. They claim that the prisoner iscue is separate from the political issues and that they have made statements to the press, which is true, but that the press did not give them good coverage on these statements.

"I asked Sen. McGovern's legislative assistant (the Senator was never able to see me himself) to ask Sen. McGovern to create opportunities to do this and I asked Sen. Fulbright himself to do the same...specifically on film and in the ways which would give their views on the prisoner issue the most exposure. They both said they would, Sen. Fulbright, in January and Sen. McGovern last August. The other two Senators told the wives who saw them that they would do everything they could to belp the prisoners.

"I think these men understand what we are talking about and know just how to go about accomplishing this if they want to do so. I am perplaxed about why they Won't give equal time to condemning Hanoi for their treatment of our loved ones.

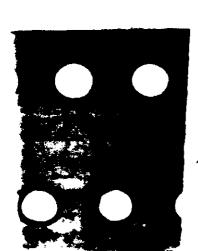
"We feel that their vociferous criticism of Hanoi would be extramely valuable because of their well-known positions on the war. *吊の し*てとしょう

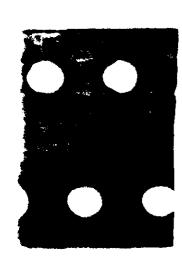
"I can only conclude that they bedge so about giving our men the help they need so badly because they feel it would dilute their attacks on the White House.

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therwise why will they not create op inties to go on camera and condemn Hanoi loud and long about the prisoners? Also, when is the Senate Foreign Relations Committee going to conduct an investigation of the treatment of the prisoners? Why no interest by Sen. Fulbright thus far? He seems to investigate every other phase of the war in great detail. We don't understand some of these things and wish that someone, somewhere would ask the questions so they would have to be answered publicly."

From now on the POW wives will know that the questions have been asked on the record and publicly. When there are answers, we'll report them.

But back to the letter:

"Also, I feel that the American public," she writes "should understand how the peace groups are using the prisoners to serve Hanoi's propaganda purposes. David Dellinger and Cora Weiss are co-chairmen of a 'Committee of Liaison For Families of Captured and Missing Servicemen.' They say they want to help forward letters from the men..."

My correspondent says she believes this is a "sham." "There is nothing wrong with the direct postal service from Hanoi if the men are allowed to write and the letters are mailed. Why did not Cora Weiss ask some questions about the deaths of the five men whose families she notified the day before Christmas? Two of these wives went to see Mrs. Duckles in Berkeley (Calif.) personally. Mrs. Duckles made the trip to Hanoi in December with Mrs. Weiss and Mrs. Ethel Taylor. Mrs. Duckles said they had asked no questions but that Fanoi would not lie about a thing like that.

"Imagine not even acking any questions about the dead men. How could one woman relay such news to another woman without even having made further inquiry about the circumstances? Now the Committee of Liaison sends out letters to a few of the wives (of prisoners) at a time saying there are letters coming and that you are to receive one, causing even greater torment for those who do not know if their men are dead or alive.

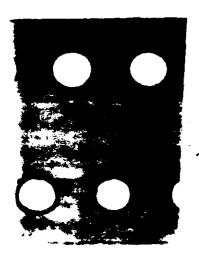
"The peace groups release a few names at a time, most of them having been released many times before, but it is all to give the impression that Hanoi is sending out many names."

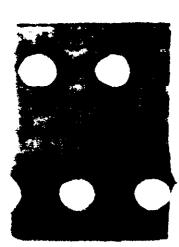
This, says my correspondent, tends to "make Hanoi look good."

"They have the list. They could give it to the Swedish government if they won't give it to ours. Sweden has released 14 names. Why no more? Why no explanation from Prime Minister (Olaf) Palme about this?"

It should be noted here that the Prime Minister is due in the U.S. late this pring -- and that President Mixon will not receive him,

"Remember, please, that I do not understand the intricacies of international relations," the young woman continues. "I feel terribly confused about so many of these things which involve so much that I do not understand. However, I have always thought that if one country (USSR) supplied most of the material for war to another country and you want to put pressure on the enemy who are treating your men cruelly you would greatly increase the pressure on the supplier of war materials (Russia).





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'I have no way of knowing as I sit in my california I ving room, and my beloved sits in his North Vietnamese cell, if there is something more I can do to help bim. How I wish I could have a vision that would tell me what is exactly the right thing to do, the thing he would want me to do above all others. We cannot solve the problem ourselves. We can only let the world know that it is there to be solved.

"If you can help us keep letting the world know that we are here and they are there...the truth about our desperate plight, we would be deeply grateful. I am so emotionally involved with my situation that I am often afraid I am unable to express myself clearly.

"Please forgive me. Let me know if you, as an objective observer, have any suggestions for us. Thank you for your genuine concern, Mr. Riesel."

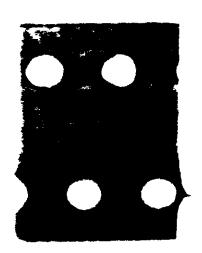
To save her from ghoulish midnight phone calls I will not release her name. Nor do we wish to learn later her husband was tortured in reprisal.

a young wife for the man she loves.

This is no jingoism, no maudlin move. This letter is the anguished outcry of

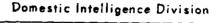
The Soviets could at least get their proteges to release a list disclosing whether women such as this one, of gut and heart, are wives or widows.

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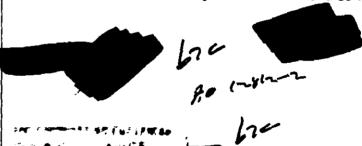
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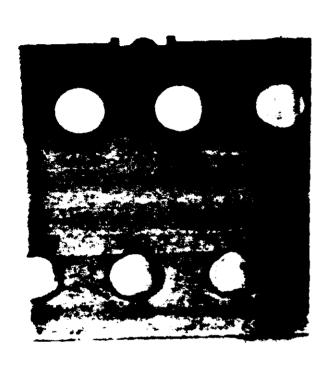
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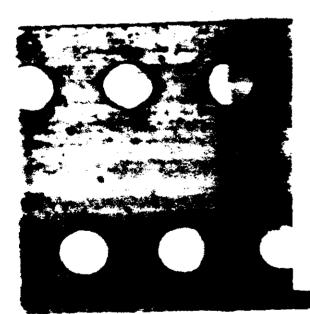
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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 5/13/70

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SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

IS-MISC REGISTRATION ACT

(YM:00)

ReBu routing slip with enclosures dated 5/4/70.

For the information of WFO. Bureau advised on referenced 0-7 to initiate Registration Act investigation in accordance with formal request received by the Bureau from the Department of Justice.

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WFO is requested to ascertain from the Department 120 of State, if in fact, the captioned organization or individual members are registered in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, Title 22, USC 611-621.

Individual committee members, identified to date are CORA WEISS, DAVE DELLINGER, STEVENHALLIWELL (HOLLOWAY) RENNIE DAVIS, REV. RICHARD FERNANDEZ, MAGGIE GEDDES STEWART MEACHAM, PROF. BEA SEITZMAN, ETHEL CAYLOR, BARBARA WEBSTER and TRUDITYOUNG

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Memorandum

TO : Director,

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Krhm : J. Walter Yeagley

Assistant Attorney General Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: THE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM

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This is in further reference to our memoranda of April 6, and April 14, 1970.

On May 1, 1970 a member of our staff attended a hearing held by the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives. At that hearing Mrs. Theresa Wood of Tucson, Arizona, testified that her husband had been missing in action in Vietnam since February 6, 1967; that in an attempt to obtain information about her husband she had written a letter to the North Vietnamese Embassies in Stockholm, Sweden and Paris, France on February 12, 1970, and that she had received a written reply to her letter in which she had been told that in order to obtain information about her husband her inquiries (whether oral or written) should be directed through the subject Committee. Mrs. Wood did not state in her testimony whether she had in fact contacted the Committee.

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We understand that the transcript of the hearing held by the Subcommittee on May 1, 1970 will be printed by the Government Printing Office and distributed by the Committee on Foreign Affairs but that it may be some time before the transcript will be available for general distribution.

Furthermore, the Attorney General recently met with representatives of the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia. They wanted to tell the Attorney General personally why they feel that the investigation of the Committee of Liaison should be pursued with vigor. I attended at the request of the Attorney General. One of the ladies suggested that the Government should get a copy of the tape of the Betsy Palmer TV Program called "Girl Talk" which was on the air sometime during the week of April 20. Apparently one of the members of the Liaison Committee was interviewed on that program. Please try to obtain a copy of that tape.

In discussing the Liaison Committee, the ladies indicated that members of that Committee had admitted to them or even claimed to them that they had been designated to represent Hanoi in reference to releasing information regarding American prisoners. One of them even indicated that a committee member by the name of Rev. Fernandez had told her that each of the committee members had personally been selected by the North Vietnamese Government.

Those present at the meeting were:

Orlando, Florida

Phone:

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Mrs. David W. Winn (Mary F.)

Mrs. James A. Mulligan, Jr.

Wirginia Beach Va.

Phone:

Mrs. James B. Stockdale (Sybil)

Coronado, California

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From: Director, FBI

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. Enclosed for each recipient office is one copy of a letter dated 5-26-70, from Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice.

For the information of offices not in receipt of prior correspondence in this matter, the Department has requested an investigation of COLIFAN in view of indications this committee may have incurred the obligation to register in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act as it appears that at the request of a foreign government it has engaged in political activity within the United States on behalf of such foreign government.

Bonson New York refer to page two, paragraph three, of the enclosure and obtain a copy of the tape of the Betsy Palmer TV program, "Girl Talk" mentioned therein. This should be transcribed and any leads suggested therein should be immediately set forth.

MAKED IG San Diego, Tampa, Morfolk and Minneapolis refer to MAY 2018 Otwo, paragraph two and those following, and interview the wives mentioned therein. Note that the Department is interested committee ning as many details as possible in regard to the to inth activities of COLIFAM in this country and its connections DeLoach . with the North Vietnamese Government.

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of he other COLIFAN activity in stating that to their knowledge, their son is the only resident who is being detained in North Victam. They have never been contacted personally by any member of captioned organisation, except as indicated by cover letters accompanying their son's letters. They cannot identify any members of COLIFAN except as these names appeared on cover letters, which are the only circumstances under which they have been contacted, and neither have ever been harrassed or cajoled as the result or their son's position. Only mail has been forwarded to them through the regular mail, no personal objects of their son, and no letters have ever been delivered personally by a third party.

The only statements made to them by COLIFAN are as indicated in the attached COLIFAN letter. They know of no other Primmer of War families contacted by COLIFAN.

Stated that he has not corresponded directly with COLIFAN concerning his son; however, he has acknowledged receipt of these letters by responding to the person or organization who forwarded the letter.

Stated that he would retain any correspondence received from COLIFAN in the future and make it available to the FBI.

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RE: Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Betained in North Vietnam (COLIFAN)

For the information of Merfolk, "The Washington Daily News" edition of 1-28-70, contained an article concerned with a press conference held by COLIFAN leader, Cora Weiss, on 1-27-70, in Washington, D. C. According to the article, Mrs. Edwin (Sue) Shuman and Mrs. Dale (Martha) Doss, both of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and whose husbands are POW's, were present at this press conference.

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Persons interviewed during the course of this investigation should be advised that it is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley.

I want to impress upon each recipient the fact that the insidious activities of COLIFAN have aroused considerable interest in Congress and, as noted in the enclosure, the Attorney General has met with wives of the POW's. It is therefore absolutely essential that this investigation receive preferred investigative and administrative handling. Every effort must be taken to insure our investigation is prompt and complete.

NOTE:

COLIFAN was organized in January, 1970, and is made up of individuals connected with the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. Its co-chairmen are Dave Dellinger and Cora Weiss who are also Mational Co-chairmen of the New Mobe. The North Vietnamese, for obvious propaganda reasons, have chosen to deal with members of this committee in releasing information regarding American POW's. Congressional and Administrative interest dictates the necessity for the above instructions.

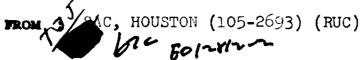
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DIRECTOR, FBI TO

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SUBJECT:

COMMITTE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN VIETNAM IS-MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT (00: NY)

Re Bureau R/S to HO, 5/4/70 and Buairtel to NY, etc. 5/28/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and four copies of LHM re results of investigation conducted by the Houston Office in captioned matter. Two copies of this LHM are forwarded to the New York Office. BO1-11~

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Persons interviewed during the course of this investigation were advised it was being conducted at the specific request of AAG J. WALTER YEAGLEY.

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"ete autorises a correspondre avec vamilles priere contacter Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, 365 West 42 Street, New York. DELEGALVIET". This telegram was dated March 9, 1970.

She was in contact with the U.S. Navy officers in New York and they suggested she ignore the telegram and proceed to Paris. That evening U.S. Navy officers checked at 365 West 42nd Street, New York and advised her this was a dingy walkup building, with door locked. She attempted to telephone CORA WEISS, having been advised she was one of the chairmen of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She received no answer when she made the telephone cals.

She left New York and proceeded by plane to Paris, arriving on March 10, 1970. She wrote registered letters to the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, requesting a personal audience. She telephoned and talked to a secretary who spoke in French and who advised her it was up to the U.S. Government to furnish her information concerning her missing husband.

The second week she wrote additional letters and made additional telephone calls. At that time, persons in the Delegation began to urge her to work through the Committe of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM). During the latter part of the second week, she telephoned and was told that she and could come to the Delegation Office, that a letter had been prepared, setting out the information they were seeking. They went to the Delegation Office and each was handed a letter. The letters were identical and told them nothing, but did suggest they contact the New York Committee of Liaison with Families of American Servicemen Captured in North Vietnam.

tore her letter in pieces and cried.

asked a (female) secretary if there were
any member of the Delegation with whom they might speak and
was told there was no one available. She asked how long it
would be and said she would not mind waiting another hour
since she had come to Paris for this purpose. The secretary

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became very excited and called the French police, stating the women had refused to leave. They remained about fifteen minutes and left the office, at which time they encountered a number of reporters and other representatives of the news media, who interviewed them.

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left for her return trip to the U.S.

Stayed three or four days longer, during
which time she wrote two more letters and talked by
telephone to the Delegation. She was repeatedly told she
would have to deal with COLIFAM. She left Paris on or about
March 25, 1970 and flew to New York.

She was met at the airport by U.S. Navy officers. She telephoned CORA WEISS, having previously talked to other U.S. Navy wives who had advised that CORA WEISS had been to Hanoi and had reportedly returned with letters from some Prisoners of War. CORA WEISS apparently knew about the trip to Paris, having followed it in the news media and she stated she would wait at her office after to see her.

She went to the COLIFAM office, which was in a run down building, door being locked. She rang the bell and CORA WEISS came downstairs to admit her She met several committee members, RENNIE DAVIS, MAGGIE GEDDES and two or three young "hippie type" girls. There were three telephones in the office space and during the time she was present, several calls were received from different parts of the U.S.

CORA WEISS told her that she should not have gone to Paris, that she should have worked through the Committe of Liaison. She stated in no uncertain terms that any information would come only through the Committe.

cora weiss said she had been to Hanoi three times and other Committee members had likewise made trips there. She displayed pictures of herself at Hanoi with persons allegedly Prisoners of War. She said she had obtained numerous letters from Pows to their families and had delivered them. She also displayed photographs of the destruction caused by American bombings. The destruction caused by told her she had not come to discuss the war with her. CORA WEISS agreed to try to obtain information regarding the Mrs. Said she

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had the feeling CORA WEISS already knew his fate. CORA WEISS mentioned she obtained three lists of POWs from the North Vietnamese.

She also mentioned that the Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ, member of the Committe, was leaving in a few days for Hanoi and that he would take a request concerning However, she indicated the response would be negative. CORA WEISS said she would call or wire Mrs. when FERNANDEZ returned from Hanoi. However, she did not hear from here thereafter.

At the time of this visit to the Committe Office, CORA WEISS gave her a printed news release, which Mrs. made available.

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She returned to and telephoned CORA WEISS after hearing nothing from her. She was unable to reach her, but later CORA WEISS telephoned her and stated that FERNANDEZ and another group had gone to Hanoi and had requested information regarding the They were told lists of all POWs had been released previously and that They were told that letters from all POWs to their families had been delivered, and accordingly, it was presumed that prisoner. This last conversation with tora WEISS was about four to six weeks ago. 401281-2

CORA WEISS had the lists of POWs andpersons to whom the letters had been delivered. She seems to be the only person and associated with the only group obtaining information. She stated to Mrs there are approximately there are approximately the control of the c there are approximately 360 confirmed POWs and CURA WELSS stated there are no 13012812-2 more. bre

stated she considered it deplorable Mrs that families of missing servicemen should have to deal with the Committe. However, in view of the fact this has apparently been the only source of information from the North Vietnamese, she regards it as better than nothing, and observed she is of the opinion it would be a loss if CORA WEISS and the Committe were stopped from their liaison role.

670 furnished the following items, xerox Mrs. copies of which were prepared with originals returned to Mrs.

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Telegram dated March 9,1970 from the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, to Mrs.

Letter handed to Mrs. at Paris

by the Delegation

Release handed to Mrs.

by CORA WRISS at

Xerox copies of these items are attached next following.

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POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ON US PILOTS CAPTURED IN NORTH VIET-NAM

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam has on repeated occasions set forth the following:

On orders from the United States Government, American pilots came to bomb North Viet-Nam. They destroyed many cities, towns, churches, and pagodas and massacred a great number of Vietnamese civilians, including women and children: They were captured in the act of committing a crime and they come under the jurisdiction of the government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam. In adhering to the 1949 Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war, the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam made explicit reservations in Article 85. However, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam has followed a humanitarian policy in their regard. All are authorized to correspond with their families. As for those who a missing, the American Government is answerable to their families and must bear responsibility.

The American Government, in speaking of the so-called "release of a list of pilots", only intends to mislead American and world public opinion which demands that the United States put an end to the war of aggression it is wagging in South Viet-Nam and immediately and totally withdraw all its troops without posing any conditions.

Paris, March 18, 1970

Prompted by our humanitarian policy regarding the question of American pilots captured in North Viet-Nam during the American war of aggression against our people, we have already answered your requests for information on the fate of your husbands and explained at the same time the policy of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

If you have already contacted the New York Committee of Liaison With Families of American Servicemen Captured in North Viet-Nam, you should give that Committee the necessary time to have information to give you.

In addition, your request will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Office of the Delegate General of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam

Mrs. Mrs.

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

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365 West 42nd Street New York N.Y. 10036

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Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, aix anti-war activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Lieison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cors Weiss, a co-chairman of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, M.Y., "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

Specifically, "the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots," according to Mrs. Weiss, "and immediately forward them to the addressee. Also," she continued, "we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives."

According to Mrs. Weiss, "the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country. Letters sent from the U.S.," she continued, "should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for U.S. Filots Captured in the DRV, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, via Moscow, Soviet Union." Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, can be sent every other month and are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairman of the Committee and presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that "It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way. We who are on this Committee, "he continued, "firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only nome from a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam."

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Wr. Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of the property in sails in South Vietnem who, with full knowledge and essistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque fortures as his been frequently documented, most authoritatively by the contract of the

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Other persons perticipating in the press conference included Rennie

Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Geddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

In December 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 138 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Welss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

Other members of the Committee of Lisison not present at today's press conference include Mrs. Anne Bennett, Prof. Bes Seitzman, Steve Halliwell and Barbara Webster. The Committee's office is at 365 West 42nd Street. 2nd floor, New York, N.Y.

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Note: Since this release, 87 more letters from prisoners have been sent from North Vietnam for forwarding by the Committee.

Antiwar Group Seen As Liaison To U.S. POWs

NEW YORK (AP) -- An office to arrange and facilitate exchange of mail between American servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families will open here today, a group opposed to the war announced yesterday.

The office carries the nate of the Committee of Linkson with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and its organizers are Mrs. Corp Weiss and David Dellinger.

Mrs. Weiss said the organization has had numerous contacts with families of prisoners it hopes to aid. She said 69 letters from 64 servicemen, brought by hand to Hong Kong, were flown to Philadelphia Saturday, then mailed to the families.

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Their purpose in visiting the Red Cross in Geneva was to urge the Red Cross to press the North Vietnamese to allow inspection of POW camps. Both stated that by doing this they knew that they were generating considerable publicity over the treatment of POW by Hanoi.

Both women stated that following their peturn from Paris, France, in October, 1969, Attorney JERRY KUNSTLER went to confer with the Hanoi representatives in Paris, and when he returned to the United States, he held a press conference at Chicago, Illinois, stating that he was forming a committee to handle POW mail.

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WFO should contact the Committee on Internal Security, U. S. House of Representatives for pertinent information concerning COLIFAM which was developed during hearings.

Chicago should report pertinent information concerning the press conference reportedly held by JERRY KUNSTLER.

Enclosed to Bureau, WFO and New York copy of press release from House Committee on Internal Security.

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FROM: House Committee on Internal Security

RELEASE: June 8, 1970

EASHINGTON -- One of the top officials of the Communist Party. U. S. A., has been subposmed to appear Thursday before a Congressional subcommittee Investigating activities of the New Hobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (New Hobe), Subcommittee Chairman Rap. Edwin H. Edwards, D-Ls., announced today.

He is Arnold S. Johnson of New York City, public relations director for the Communist Party in this country, and also a member of the New Mobe steering committee.

Edwards' subcommittee of the House Committee on Internal Security is resuming its inquiry into activities of the New Mobe in a series of hearings scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, and conclude Thursday.

Johnson's affiliation with both the Communist Party and Hew mobe make him an obvious witness in the effort to determine what, if any, effect the Party has in directing New Hobe activities, Edwards said-

Other witnesses will include Vashington, D. C., Police Chief Jerry Wilson and the wives of two American prisoners of war in North Vietnam.

The wives are Mrs. Dale Doss and Mrs. Edwin A. Schumen, III, both of Virginia Beach, Va.

The wives' testimony will primarily relate to a group known as the "Committee of Lisison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam." This group was formed in January, 1970, by David Dellinger and Cora Yeiss, both of New York City. They are also co-chairmen and active members of the New Mobel steering committee. All told, six officers of Lisison are New Hobe leaders.

Mrs. Doss and Mrs. Schuman Live taken the position that the group stands for everything their husbands were fighting sgainst.

Asserting that matters concerning their husbands should be handled either by the United States and North Vietnemese governments or some neutral body such as the Red Gross, they have gone to the extent of refusing mail from the Liaison Committee despite possibilities that it contains letters from their POF busbands.

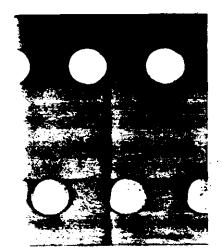
Two documentary films will be shown during the hearings: "Some to Demonstrate, Some to Destroy," an account of the Nov. 15, 1969, Horstorium filmed by the Washington, D. C., Police Dept., and "In the Name of Peace . . a private documentary which includes statements by New Hobe leaders -- including Arnold Johnson -- of their aims and objectives.

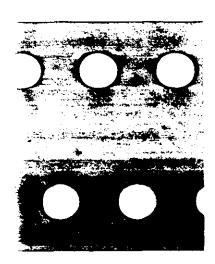
Other members of the Subcommittee besides Chairman Edwards are Reps. William J. Scherle, R-Jows, and Louis Stokes, D-Ohio.

The hearing schedule is: Tuesday, Chief Wilson; Mednesday, FOR wives; and Thursday, Arnold Johnson. The films will be shown at the Tuesday and Vednesday hearings,

Wednesday and Thursday hearings will begin at 10 a.m. All will be held in the Committee's chamber, Room 311 Cannon building.

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Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, 5/28/70 with enclosure.

Enclosed herewith are eleven (11) copies to the Bureau and two (2) each to recipient offices of an LHM regarding captioned group suitable for dissemination.

One (1) information copy of LHM is enclosed for Minneapolis, San Diego, and WFO in view of their interest in captioned group.

Interview with Mrs.

conducted by SA 8012412

During interview, Mrs advised that she had recently received a telephone call from Lt. T. A. WATT Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, Orlando, Florida. He advised her that he had been contacted by a KENNETH KILPATRICK from the American Friends Service Committee, and the was told that KILPATRICK was going to Hanoi in the near future and would be willing to take letters with him. KILPATRICK said

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This information not set forth in details since it did not pertain specifically to captioned group, however, it is set forth above for the information of the Bureau.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally to USA, Tampa; MI and NISO, Orlando; and OSI, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

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On June 10, 1970.

of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia, was contacted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at

contact or experience with the captioned group. She further advised that her only knowledge of this group was from what she has learned from other women in the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia.

She also commented that the first time she heard about the captioned group was in December, 1969 when she was in Washington, D.C. at the request of President Nixon. At that time, she heard other women talking among themselves that they were going to get mail or had received mail from their husbands or sons who were prisoners in North Vietnam. These letters were allegedly obtained through the captioned group. She learned more about this group by talking to

all of whom have husbands who are missing in action or prisoners of war in Southeast Asia.

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her husband is dead. She gave which reads as follows:

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"Dear Mrs.

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"Your wire to me in Los Angeles was forwarded to New York and I just received it. I understand and am most sympathetic.

"By now you probably have heard from the State Dept: that I received a wire on Dec. 27 from Hanoi verifying that five pilots killed 'in their air raid' and not in prison. Mr. is among the five.

"This news was most difficult for the Vietnamese to give no while we were in Vietnam, and rendless to say is most difficult for me, as a wife a disother, to have to forward to you.

"There is little I can add, except to extend my sincerest sympathy. Further verification is, of course, unavailable here, but you must understand that the Vietnamese would have absolutely no reason to alter such facts. They have thus far been very straight with us as to the status of those about whom we have inquired.

"I understand that you have spoken with Mrs. Duckles.

"My best wishes to you and your family for the New Year, and again, I am most sorry to have to be the bearer of such news.

"/s/ Cora Weiss"

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Mrs. Powers also was told by Mrs that either Cora Weiss or a Reverend Pernander had approached Mrs. and informed her that they had a letter from her

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to menhusband and that she would be receiving it with in the very near future. According to Mrs. Powers, over two months have passed and Mrs. has not yet received the letter referred to above.

Mrs. Powers further stated that there are several women in the Tampa - Orlando area who have just contacted by the captioned group. She further advise that she does not know who they all are, but Mrs

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,	An article appearing in the April 9, 1970, edition of the "Washington Evening Star", a daily newspaper published in Washington, D.C. (WDC), stated that JANE PLOWMAN spoke before the Naval Civil Engineers Corps Officers Wives Club at Fort McNair, WDC, on April 8, 1970, Mrs. PLOWMAN was
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thentified as the wife of JAMES PLOWMAN a U.S. Naval Officer who has been missing in action in North Vietnam since 1967. Mrs. PLOWMAN's speech concerned the pressure applied to the wives of missing and captured U.S. military personnel by "right and left wing" organizations which seek the support of the group of women. The speech called for Congressional action against these groups, because some of them promise information about the missing men or rewards such as letters or even the release of the captured individual in return for the wife's support. The newspaper article did not specifically name any group which had been applying pressure on these women.

According to this write-up of Mrs. PLOWMAN's speech, she considered Congress to be apathetic to these women's problems, and she expressed the opinion that much more could be done to solve these problems.

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An article which appeared in the January 20, 1970 issue of the "Daily World" stated that captioned group was formed on January 19, 1970 and opened an office at 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York. The article further stated in part that this group, at the request of the government of North Vietnam, will facilitate communication between families in the United States (U.S.) and U.S. military personnel being held prisoner in North Vietnam. The article quoted Steve Halliwell, a spokesman for the group, as stating that the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. Government, and that the U.S. military personnel imprisoned in North Vietnam are actually prisoners of the U.S. Government because they were sent to fight a war which the servicemen opposed. Halliwell also stated that these men are in the middle of a propaganda move by the U.S. Government which is prolonging the war.

The 'Daily World' is characterized as an east coast Communist newspaper.

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Barbara Webster
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David Dellinger has been publically identified as an active leader and participant in anti-war and anti-United States policy demonstrations including the March on the Pentagon, October 1967, disruption of the Democratic National Convention August 196, and the Presidential Inauguration, January 1969. Lellinger was a co-defendant in the Chicago Conspiracy Trial. Dellinger is also publically known as the co-chairman of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC)

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The NMC is described as a National steering organization, with headquarters in New York City which specializes in the formation of local and national protest and demonstration activities through a coalition of local anti Vietnam War and draft groups throughout the Nation.

Cora Weiss has been publically identified as being active in the Women Strike for Peace (WSP) and an officer in the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC).

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The WSP is a national women's pacifist organization which in the past has demonstrated against nuclear testing, the draft, the War in Vietnam, the ABH System, chemical-biological warfare and the "burgeoning military-identical complex".

Rennie Davis has been publically identified as National leader of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and the New Nobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC). Davis is also publically known as one of the co-defendants in the Chicago Conspiracy Trial.

 $\ensuremath{\Lambda}$ characterization of SDS is contained in the appendix.

Anne Bennett has been publically identified as a staunch pacifist that has been active in the peace movement for many years.

Reverend Lichard Fernandez has been publically identified as a member of the National Steering Committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), and is the executive director of the Clergy and Layman Concerned About Vietnam (CLCV).

CLCV is a anti-war, anti-draft organization of churchmen with connections to middle class' America.

Stewart Meacham is believed to be identical with James Stewart Meacham who has been publically identified as an employee of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and an active member of many organizations which oppose U.S.

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policy in Vietnam. Meacham is also on the steering committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

The AFSC is a non profit organization, founded largely by the Quaker Church, which seeks solutions to both domestic and international problems through non-profit means.

Steve Halliwell has been publically identified as a member of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

Ethel Taylor has been publically identified as an officer in the Women's Strike for Peace, (WSP).

Barbara Webster and Trudi Young have both been publically identified as being active in the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC).

On May 25, 1970 the following individuals were contacted at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. Each person stated, often reviewing his files, that neither the captioned group nor its individual known members had registered with the U.S. Department of State pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1930:

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On May 25, 1970 Mr. Frank A. Sieverts, Special Assistant to Under Secretary of State, United States Department of State (USDS), stated that he has periodically been contacted by various members of the captioned group in connection with his official duties, which concerns the administering of the affairs of captured U.S. military personnel by North Vietnam. Sieverts advised that the USDS was opposed to the captioned group and that it has only cooperated with them when it was felt to be in the best interests of the missing men and their families. Sieverts said this group was unfriendly to the USDS and had contacted him only when they felt it was necessary for their operations. Sieverts further stated that neither the captioned group nor its individual members were registered with his office pursuant to the Foreign Agents Legistration Act of 1938.

On May 26, 1970 Mr. James Burke, Records Services bivision, Office of Operation, USDS advised that the files of his division only contain reference to a meeting between David Dellinger and Frank A. Sieverts on July 20, 1967. Dellinger came to Sievert's office after a trip Dellinger took to North Vietnam and requested that he be allowed to retain his passport and also that it be validated to allow him to travel to Cuba. Sieverts tried to obtain information from Dellinger about his trip to North Vietnam but Dellinger was uncooperative and would only talk in a general way about conversations he had with two captured American servicemen. No other reference to the captioned group or its members was present in the USDS file.

On May 27, 1970 Clerk, Foreign Agents Registration Section U.S. Department of Justice,

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Washington, D.C., advised there is no record of the captioned organization having registered with her office pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.

On June 10, 1970

Clerk, Foreign Agents Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC., advised none of the publically identified members of captioned group have registered with her office pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.

APPENDIX

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing

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and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

The PLP is characterized separately in the Appendix.

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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life--where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one extra copy of thisreport for dissemination to Legat, Paris, in the event that it is deemed desirable to request the interview of Mr.

In view of the location of captioned organization at New York City, the New York Office is being considered Office of Origin in this matter. brc

During interview of Mrs. California, she advised that she had a conference with Attorney General MITCHELL and Mr. J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, on 5/1/70 and had asked them to conduct a vigorous investigation of captioned organization. She advised that she would be in periodic contact with Attorney General MITCHELL in order to inquire concerning the status of the FBI's investigation in this matter.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Office of Origin, all items of evidence described in this report will be maintained in the San Diego Division.

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Mrs. advised that she has been in frequent contact with Commander ROBERT S. BOROUGHS, Naval Intelligence Command, 2461 Eisenhower, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. She suggested that Commander BOROUGHS be contacted by a coresentative of the FBI in order to obtain from him namel of individuals he may know who have been in contact with Main Main.

Mrs. during her interview on 6/3/70, furnished several names of individuals whom she believes have been in contact with GM.IFM. Leads to interview those individuals are being set out below.

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF

SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS; .. REGISTRATION ACT - NORTH VIETNAM

Synopsis:

California, furnished five letters received from CollFAM during the period 1/27 - 5/17/70, but stated she has had no direct contact with representatives of the organization.

Mrs.

California, advised that a representative of the Office of the Delegate General of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in Paris, France, in March, 1970, personally furnished her a letter advising her to contact COLIFAM. Mrs.

furnished a telegram sent 3/9/70 from that Government's representative in Paris to her residence advising her that captured American pilots in North Vietnam have been authorized to correspond with families through COLIFAM.

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DETAILS: AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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Date June 9, 1970	
Mrs. California, furnished five letters received from the Committee of Lieison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036. Mrs. Advised that she has had no other	
contact or correspondence with that organization, other than these five letters, set forth in detail as follows:	
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Trudi Young

Dear January 27, 1970

We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Lieison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in packets. We are also on closing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bonen-

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

April 20, 1970

Steven E. Halliwell

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